

Corporate Governance Committee

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The Property & Occupants Risk Management Group (P&ORMG)

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- Immediate post-Grenfell – ‘Corporate’ task group (DoF)
- Provide assurances & Gov’t scrutiny, inspection & regulation
- Initially fire risk in LCC buildings incl. maintained schools
- Reviewed construction materials & installation methods
- Fire risk assessments at higher risk sites (accommodation)
- Cabinet reports on sprinkler policy incl. retrospective fitting
- Fire risk at buildings procured from 3rd parties
- Academies – confirm pupil safety (LCC retain responsibility)

- Terrorist atrocities – ToR incl. building & people security.
- County Hall – wide range of site & people security measures

- ToR reviewed annually – revised in today’s reports pack
- Chaired by HoIAS – (corporate risk management framework)
- Links to associated groups incl. RPG, Prevent & Protect(*)
- Wide LCC membership & external incl. broker/insurer, LFRS
- ‘Compliance’ inputs – OPS, SPS, Legal, HS&W, Resilience
- Others - conduits to/from departments risk management
- Meets quarterly – standing agenda, AOB, vigorous debate
- Reports to: -
 - DoCR (twice a year)
 - Chief Officers (as & when required & annually)
 - CGC (annually)

(*) Protect Group governance arrangements are not yet determined

- Fire safety
 - Schools, academies (pupil safety), procured (vulnerable)
 - LFRS – MoU (shared inspections/training), positive audits
- Occupants' safety - County Hall (and other sites)
 - Continuous improvements to original site security
 - Ways of Working programme – evacuation plans
 - Tenants – access & car park security
 - Incident management plans – developed with Police
- Regulations – impact of new/revised requirements
 - Grenfell => Fire Safety, Building Safety Act
 - RAAC planks – corporate estate, academies, procured
 - Radon gas – corporate estate and academies
 - Prevent Duty – venue hire policies and training

- Review relevance & effectiveness – broker or peer review?
- Occupants' safety - County Hall (and other sites)
 - Further site survey by insurers
 - Incident management training/exercises
- Regulations – impact of new/revised requirements
 - Building Safety Act – requirement for ‘principal designers’ - risk
 - Prevent Duty – monitor compliance to venue hire policy
- The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill
 - Protect Duty (Martyn’s Law) – Manchester bombing
 - Mandates responsibility - consider terrorist risks & plan responses
 - LA venues/premises & events...fulfil necessary but proportionate steps...mitigate impacts of terrorist attack...reduce harm
 - LAs to plan provisions whilst awaiting legislation
 - Likely to involve P&ORMG? – OPS, SPS, HS&W, Insce etc...